

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Seabrook City Hall, 1700
2 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

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4 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

5 Helen Burton	Chair
6 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
7 John Coggeshall (Absent)	Member
8 Monica Comeaux (Absent)	Member
9 Debra Harper	Member
10 David Popken	Member
11 Heather Cable	Member
12 Kevin Padgett	Public Works Director
13 Sean Landis	Deputy City Manager
14 Stephanie Martinez	Executive Administrative Assistant

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16 Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

17 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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19 Luke Nelson, 2201 Acadiana Ct., thanked the Open Space and Trails Committee for everything
20 they do with the open spaces around the City. The City is a beautiful place with great amenities.
21 There is some interest of bicycling and racing in the youth and adults in our area. There is a new
22 trend going on right now called a pump track. A pump track is a series of rollers, berms, and
23 sometimes jumps, built and spaced in such a way as to allow a person to ride the course without
24 pedaling, generating momentum through a technique called pumping. A pump track is considered
25 a skills building course. It can be housed in a small area, 75' x 75', or in a large area, 175' x 175'.
26 A multi-use, asphalt pump track would probably be the best option for the City. Mr. Nelson has
27 reached out a company who constructs pump tracks and they will put something together for the
28 City. The City of Seabrook has disk golf, basketball, the trail systems, a pool, a skate park. A
29 possible location for the pump track is next to the skate park. There are two bike shops in the
30 City of Seabrook and two other bike shops in the nearby area who are interested in helping out in
31 any way to establish a pump track. Bikes, skateboards, and wheelchairs can be used at a pump
32 track. In North Houston there is a pump track being built and while in Katy they are taking out
33 their pump track because of flooding issues. After speaking to people, a possible pump track in
34 this area is drawing attention.

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36 **2. NEW BUSINESS**

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38 **2.1 Discuss and take all appropriate action pursuant to the motion made and approved at the**
39 **Joint City Council/Open Space and Trails Committee meeting on March 26, 2019 to move**
40 **forward with the creation of a Carothers Task Force of no more than seven (7) people**
41 **consisting of a real estate professional, a parks professional, a landscape/plants**
42 **professional, a member or members of the Open Space and Trails Committee, and a**
43 **member or members of the City Council or City staff to be tasked with**

- **Determining through a real estate professional the value of the property and the process for selling only the building at Carothers Coastal Gardens**
- **Opening the property between Carothers and Pine Gully Park and making the park section of Carothers accessible to the public**
- **Determining potential options for the use of Carothers Coastal Gardens, should selling the building be found to be prohibitive**
- **Being mindful of the amount of staff time it would take to carry out any and/or all options**

Open Space and Trails Committee Member David Popken will be the Chair for the Carothers Task Force and the two council members on the task force will be Council Member Hamman and Council Member Machol as approved in the joint meeting.

Member Popken stated that after receiving clarification from the City Manager, Gayle Cook, he will have the authority to choose the committee members. Once all seven task force members are chosen, Council will have to approve the members of the task force.

Deputy City Manager, Sean Landis, will get direction from Ms. Cook, as to the timeline of this Task Force. An update of the Open Space and Parks Master Plan will be underway soon once a consultant is hired which will run parallel with the Task Force meetings. The Consultant can use the information the Task Force provides. The last time the Open Space and Parks Master Plan was updated was back in 2012.

The Committee will not conduct interviews, rather Member Popken will reach out to individuals that have expressed interested in joining the task force and individuals the committee members believe to be a good asset to the task force by their profession. Member Popken will report back as to who said yes in committing to joining the task force then the committee will go through and select the 7 task force members.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements from Committee members, and park reports from Committee Park Checks.

- The irrigation system at the Carothers greenhouse seems may be having a problem.
- 50 tallow tree seedlings were removed from Meador Parks.
- Acacia bushes were removed from the slope of Hester Creek.
- The pine trees planted at Meador Park are reaching up to 8ft. tall.
- A plumeria that was planted at Baybrook was cut.

3.2 City Staff update.

- The splash pad on Repsdorph Rd. is now open.
- City Staff is gearing up for pool season and is currently doing maintenance on the pool.

3.3 Discussion and approval of the Action Item Checklist.

- Volunteers: The Committee Members gave their volunteer hours to Chair Burton during the meeting to keep records current. A new volunteer started at Friendship Park. Two other volunteers scoped the roses located at SH146 and Nasa Rd 1. These roses will be moved to the gazebo and they will keep up with the flower bed.
- Birding Event: The next birding seminar will be May 16, 2019 at the Public Works facility. The seminar will be about birding migration. The City's Communication Department will push the information out on social media. The next bird count will be April 6, 2019. The last bird count was not greatly attended possibly because the signs were not put out. Galveston's 17th Annual Feather Fest will be making a stop at Pine Gully Park this year.
- Erosion at Pine Gully: City Staff has all the material ready. Due to recent rainfall prohibiting planting in the spring, the planting will be moved to the fall.
- Mile Maker Trail Map: No updated information at the time.
- Pollinator Pathway: No updated information at the time.
- Report to Council: Chair Burton want over the presentation she will make to Council on April 16, 2019 and receive Committee input.
- Seabrook Prairie: The prairie has been mowed.
- Seed Library and Community Garden: No updated information at the time.
- Tree Planting: No updated information at the time.
- Woodlands Regeneration: The native seeds planted in the cane berm area are sprouting.
- Irrigation System at Pine Gully: No updated information at the time.
- Deforestation: Deputy City Manager Sean Landis will give presentation at a later time.
- Interpretive Sign Covering Project: No scouts have come forward to accept this project.
- Specific Bird Feeder Removal: There will be two bird feeders removed. One is located is at Robinson Park and the other at Hester Park.
- Lucky Trails Marathon: The three-day marathon was a huge success.
- Trash Bash: Trash bash had its largest volunteer number in over 10 years. The volunteers picked up two dumpster loads of trash.
- Keep Texas Beautiful: The City was awarded Sustained Excellence. The Public Works Administrative Assistant, Natalie Stephens, is a huge asset to the City. She quickly responds back with the information needed to fulfill the grant information.
- Texas Park and Wildlife: Member Popken is looking to submit a proposal for one of the many habitat restoration grants out there since Seabrook is along the Texas Birding Trail.
- Trail lighting: This project is currently ongoing.
- Expansion of Parking at Robinson Park: This project is currently ongoing.

3.4 Approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting as amended and to include the PowerPoint presentation regarding Carothers.

Motion was made by Member Antrobus and seconded by Member Harper

To approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting as amended and to include the PowerPoint presentation regarding Carothers

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

3.5 Approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Member Antrobus and seconded by Member Harper

To approve the minutes of the March 7, 2019 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting as amended with the correct spelling of the names on lines 30-33

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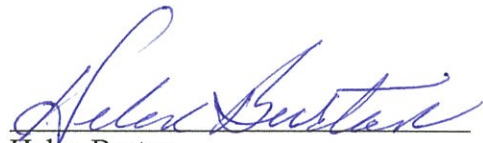
3.6 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items.

The next meeting will be May 2, 2019.

Item requested to be added to the Action Item Checklist is:

- Recycling flyer

Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.


Helen Burton,
Chair


Stephanie Martinez,
Executive Administrative Assistant